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Town of Moultonborough Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting

The Moultonborough Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee is updating its 2007 Hazard Mitigation Plan. The committee, which is represented by a variety of local interests, is focusing on the natural and manmade hazards that put Moultonborough at risk as well as the development of recommendations to protect the safety and well being of town residents. The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday December 12, 2012 at the Ernest Davis Meeting Room at the Moultonborough Town Hall, 6 Holland Street starting at 9:00 AM. The committee will be reviewing final edits to the draft plan, which will then be available for review and comment by the public. There will also be a summary of the final steps for approval and local adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The residents and business owners of Moultonborough and representatives from neighboring communities are encouraged to attend and provide input.

Hazard Mitigation Planning is as important to reducing disaster losses as are appropriate regulations and land use ordinances. The most significant areas of concern for Moultonborough include high winds and ice storms which can take down branches, trees, and power lines. With the update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan, town leaders will be able to prioritize actions to reduce the impacts of these and other hazards. Community leaders want Moultonborough to be a disaster resistant community and believe that updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan will bring the town one step closer to that goal.

At previous meetings, there has been discussion of the hazards which have impacted Moultonborough in the past or could impact it in the future. There has also been discussion of the town's critical facilities, resources, and existing plans & policies for mitigating the impact of hazards. The committee reviewed changes that have occurred in the last five years, including the status of mitigation actions that were recommended in the 2007 Plan.

For more information please visit the town's Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee website

http://www.moultonborough.org/Pages/MoultonboroughNH_BComm/Hazard%20Mitigation%20Index. You may also call Chief David Bengtson, Moultonborough Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director at 476-5658 or David Jeffers, Regional Planner, Lakes Region Planning Commission at 279-8171.